

Rodman House  
New Bedford, Massachusetts

HABS No. MASS-466

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of Massachusetts

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Frank Chouteau Brown, District Officer  
76 Chestnut Street, Boston, Mass.

## SAMUEL RODMAN, JR. HOUSE

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Address: Spring and County Streets (southeast corner),  
New Bedford, Bristol County, Massachusetts

An Addendum to

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in HABS Catalog (1941)

"The land was a part of the homestead farm of Abraham Russell, which in 1819 was sold by the Bedford Bank to pay its heavy mortgage, and this section passed into the hands of William Rotch and later was purchased by Samuel Rodman, Jr., who in 1827 built the stone house represented in the photograph. It has remained in the possession of his family since it was built, the last owner and occupant being the late Thomas R. Rodman.

"This house is the plainest in appearance of any of the great houses of New Bedford. The outer surface was covered with plaster. . . . Originally the lot extended to School Street but a daughter of Samuel Rodman devised to the Grace Church the south half, and on this was erected the present church building."

The above is quoted from pages 267-268 of "Old Dartmouth," a manuscript in the Old Dartmouth Historical Society, Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Massachusetts. This consists of photographs of houses and public buildings in New Bedford, Fairhaven, Acushnet, Dartmouth and Westport; photographs by Fred W. Palmer, introduction and notes by Henry B. Worth, "done into shape" by Emma C. Austin; dated September, 1907.

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